

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District In Reply to Application Number CENAB-OP-RMN(AA DPW/SELBY BAY/DREDGING)06-61806-18

Comment Period: 01 May to 16 May 2006 PN-06-19

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT **COMMENTS** PROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

The Baltimore District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Federal and State authorization pursuant to the Tidal Wetlands Act and/or Nantidal Wetlands Protection Act, as described below:

APPLICANT: Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works

Attn: Merril Plait

2662 Riva Road

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

LOCATION: Selby Bay, Anne Arundel County, Maryland

WORK: The proposed project is to hydraulically or mechanically maintenance dredge an existing navigation channel 100 feet wide, 910 feet long to 7.5 feet deep at mean low water (MLW). The estimated quantity of dredged material to be removed from the channel is 5.100 cubic yards. The dredged material will be placed at the Idelwilde Dredged Material Placement site, an approved site, located on Idelwilde Road, Anne Arundel County. The purpose of the project is to restore safe and reliable boating through the existing channel.

All work is to be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Kibby at (410) 962-0694.

The decision whether to issue a permit will he based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must he balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public: Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species. historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Maryland Department of the Environment. Any written comments concerning the work described above which relate to water quality certification must be received by the Standards and Certification Division Maryland Department of the Environment, Montgomery Park Business Center. 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430. Baltimore. Maryland 21230-1708 within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. The 401 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year to make its decision.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

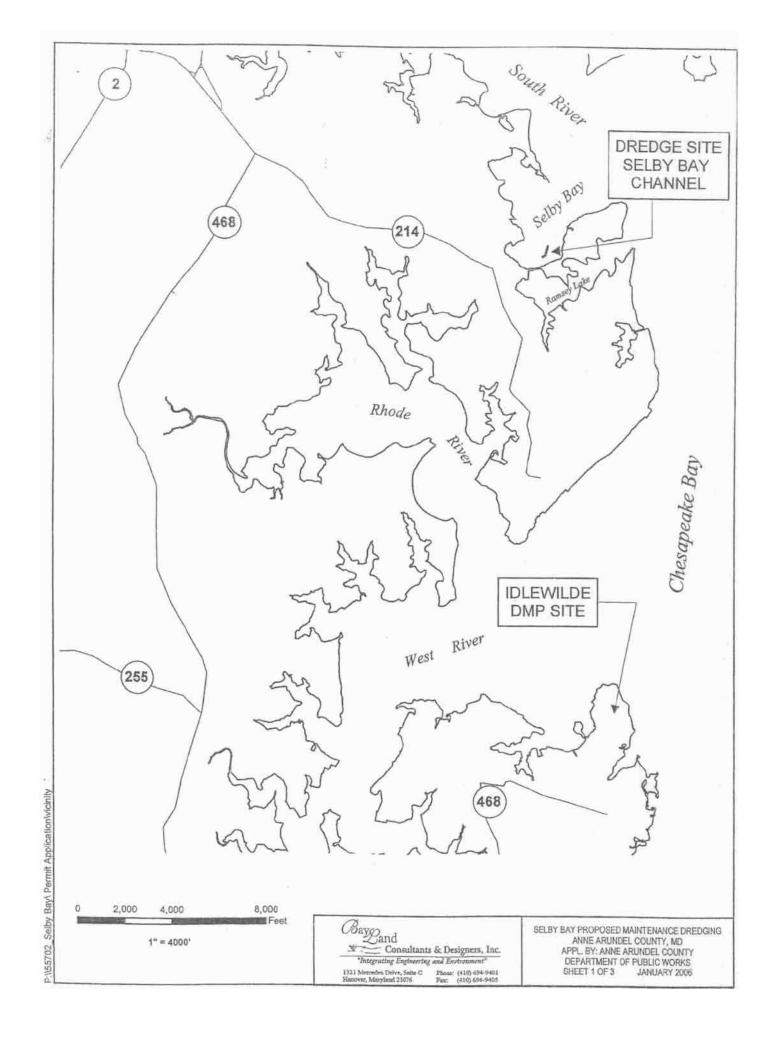
The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must-be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers. Baltimore District, PO Box 1715. Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified as above to receive consideration. Also, it must clearly state forth the interest which may be adversely affected.

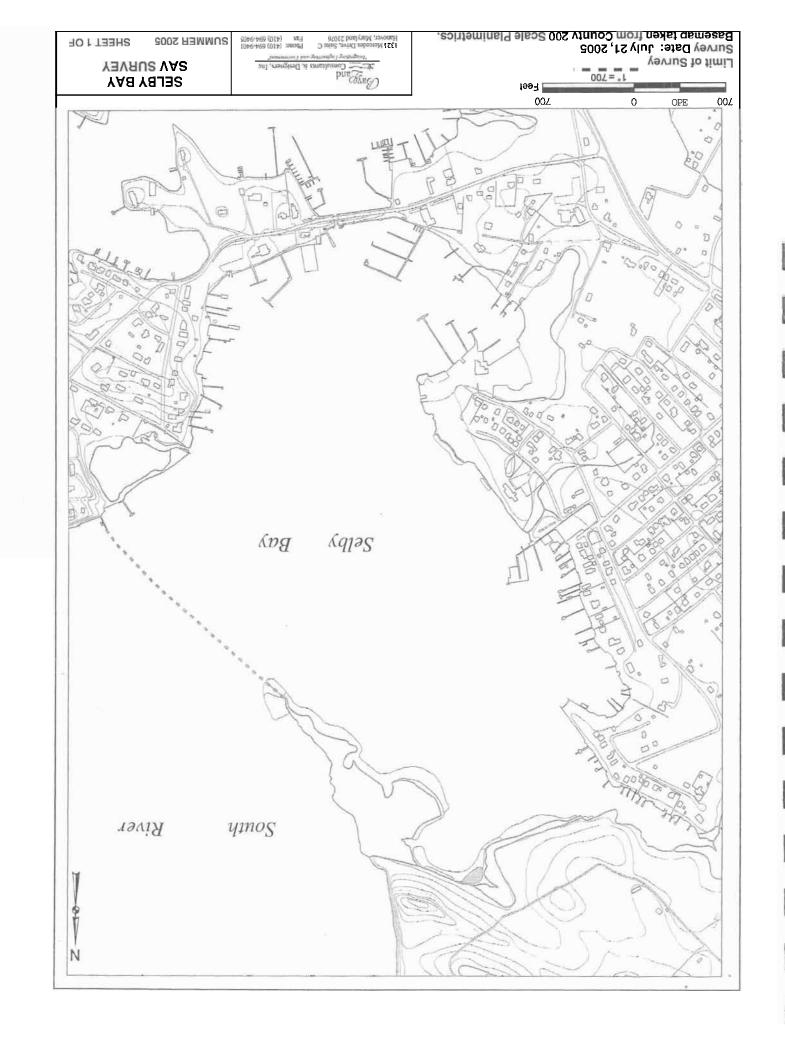
It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

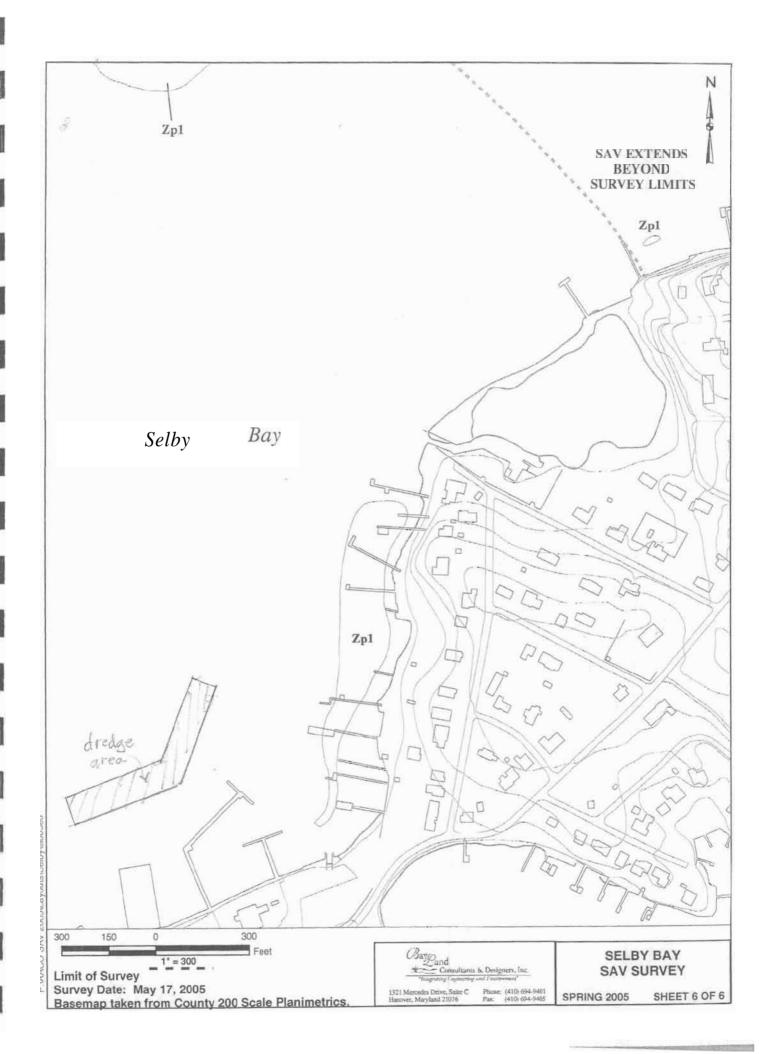
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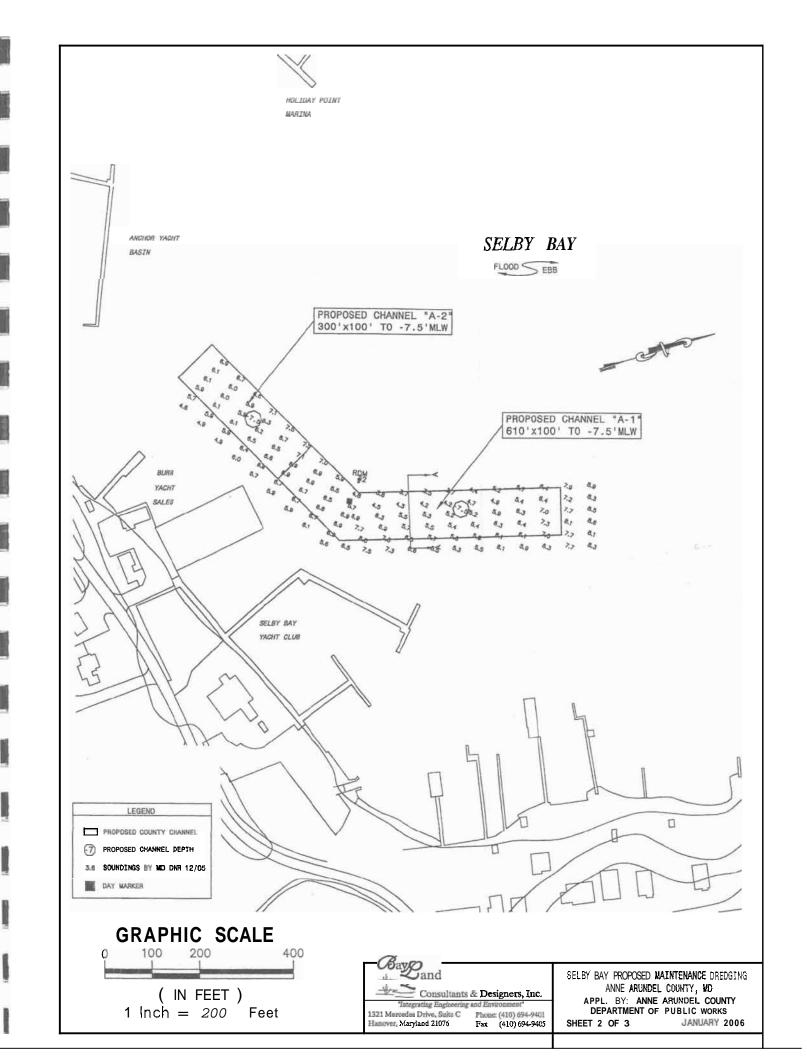
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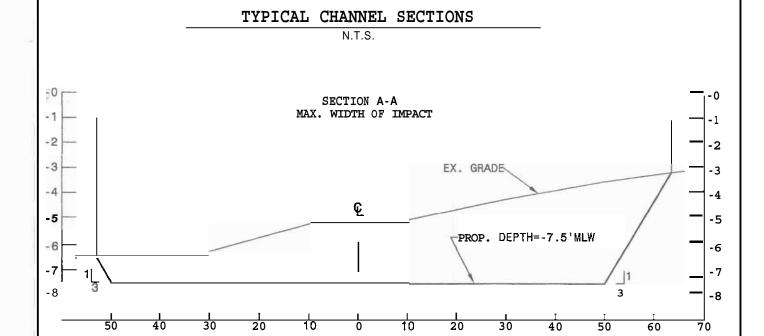
Chief, Maryland Northern Section











PROPOSED CHANNEL

SEGMENT	LENGTH (FT)	WIDTH (FT)	DEPTH (MLW)
SEGMENT A-1	610	100	-7.5'
SEGMENT A-2	300	100	-7.5'
TOTAL MAIN CHANNEL VOLUME			5,100 CY
TOTAL MAIN CHANNEL LENGTH			910 LF
TOTAL MAIN CHANNEL AREA OF IMPACT			98,407 SF = 2.3 AC
TOTAL MAIN CHANNEL AREA OF IMPACT TO SAV 0 SF = 0 AC			

CHANNEL NOTES:

- 1. PROPOSED CHANNEL WILL NOT IMPACT SAV.
- 2. SAND, SILT AND CLAY MATERIALS ARE TO BE HYDRAULICALLY OR MECHANICALLY DREDGED.
- 3. DREDGING DEPTH -7.5' MLW.
- 4. MATERIAL WILL BE PLACED AT IDLEWILDE DMP SITE OR OTHER APPROVED COUNN DMP SITE.

